

Spring 2019

Welcome back for our Spring term. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

Our first meetings back this term will be in the week commencing the 7 January '19.

The Group has had a busy autumn term; you'll find a few things summarised in this newsletter. You can also see what we have been up to on Twitter and look out for our new website which will be going live during January.

Thankyou to those who have registered their child for Group Camp in March '19. We have over 70 attendees, which is fantastic, including beavers, cubs and scouts from across the whole Group. The camp will be taking place at Broadstone Warren Scout Campsite and Activity Centre, East Sussex.

We are actively seeking new members for our two Beaver Colony's and Cub Pack's. If your know of anyone who would like to join, please direct them to our website: www.3rdbanstead.co.uk, or get them to come along to one of our 'Bring a Friend' evenings. These will be advertised by each of our sections on their programmes next term.

We will shortly be completing our annual census, please take a moment to check that your child's record is up to date on OSM MyScout and complete a Gift Aid Declaration if you haven't done so already. Our membership fees for 2019 will also be increasing by £1 per term. This is to cover the costs passed down to us by the Scout Association and District / County.

From this term we are pleased to be able to provide the facility to order uniform at Scout Ridge, rather than needing to go to the local Scout Shop. Further details can be found on page 4.

Thank you

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Cubs

The Cubs have had a busy term taking part in activities including climbing, air rifle shooting, Guy Fawkes, night hikes, teaching new skills evening, cooking, spy games, mini pioneering and a joint Christmas party attended by both Cub packs.



Remembrance Weekend Sleepover – Litter Picking

Cubs from both packs took part in a sleepover at Scout Ridge over the Remembrance weekend.

On the Saturday, the cubs took part in a range of activities including abseiling, learning home help skills, litter picking around the local area, cooking, and an indoor campfire (as it was too wet to have one outside).

Following a busy day of activities, the Cubs settled down for the night in the sports hall, and then attended the Remembrance Day Parade in Banstead High Street on the Sunday morning, looking very smart.

This summer the Cubs are looking forward to a big County Scout event called SCRAM held on the 22 June. This event brings several thousand Cubs together from across the County for a one-day event held at Hook Road Arena, Epsom. Further details will be distributed in the coming months about the event by your child's section leader.

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Beavers from Huron Colony out for a Welly Walk in Banstead Woods

Beavers

Both Colonies were out in Banstead Woods early in the term, enjoying the mild weather. As well as a walk, the Beavers visited some of the woodland sculptures on the Narnia Trail, and played in some of the woodland dens.

Ontario Colony learned about fire safety which included some demonstrations of how fire extinguishers work.

Huron Colony made Guy Fawkes and enjoyed a Bonfire at Scout Ridge.

Both Colonies have been working towards a range of different activity and challenge badges. You can see

your child's progress by logging on to OSM MyScout and see what they have left to complete.

Beavers from both Colonies attended an afternoon film showing of the 'Incredibles 2', organised by Banstead District Scouts, and held at St Mark's Church Hall in Tadworth.

Beavers from Ontario made a pre-Christmas visit to Roseland's care home on Garratts Lane. The Beavers sang several Christmas songs and gave the residents cards and biscuits as gifts. Both the Beavers and residents had a great afternoon together.

Scouts

Both Troops have been working towards their Master at Arms Badge this term.

The Master at Arms Badge requires Scouts to take part in regular organised Air Rifle Shooting activities, learn about safety, as well as taking part in an organised competition. Scouts took part in a Postal competition arranged by the County.

The Troops plan to hold a few joint events each term, including Nights Away. This term the Troops ran a joint Fireworks Night and Christmas Party.

Wide Games have featured on the programme this term, giving the opportunity for members to get out in the fresh air.

Senior Scouts from both Troops are to attend a tour of the Somme Battlefields in May '19, organised by one of the Group's Skill's Instructors. This will be our fifth tour of the Battlefields with the Group.

Plans are also underway for our annual Summer Scout Camp, and we hope to confirm dates and a location early in the new year.

What is a Wide Game ?

A wide game is listed on my child's programme this term, what is it?

A wide game is an outdoor activity, usually between two or more teams which have to achieve specific objectives in order to win the game. This might be simply preventing the other team(s) from finishing or collecting certain items. Wide games are organised within a given geographical area and can be played either on a meeting night, or at camp and at night (or at least, in the dark) as well as daytime.

Wide games usually have a theme or storyline which helps set the scene and can provide the highpoint to an event. Apart from having fun, wide games provide an opportunity for the participants to develop teamwork, planning skills, endurance, resourcefulness, initiative, and physical fitness!



Master at Arms Badge

Group

Remembrance Weekend Events

This term many of our activities have involved acts of remembrance for the 100 years since the end of World War I.

The Group made over 100 poppies from plastic bottles. These were on display for a short time at Scout Ridge, before being taken to Banstead High Street, where they formed part of a Poppy display in the Orchard adjacent to All Saints Church. Our Poppies joined those from other local youth Groups and Schools.

As well as making poppies, we had a fantastic turn out from the Group to this years Remembrance Day Parade in Banstead. We had over 100 members attend the parade, all looking very smart, and we were lucky with the weather; with the rain holding off long enough for us to complete the parade.

The same weekend, the Cubs enjoyed a Remembrance weekend sleepover, where they made poppies to wear on their uniform.



Poppy Display and on Parade in Banstead High Street



Members and Families Awaiting the Start of the Carol Service

Carol Service

We had a great turn out at our annual carol service at All Saints Church. It was nice to see the church so full with members and their families.

The Beavers did a great job as always of singing the first verse of 'Away in a Manger', and well done to all those members who volunteered to carry a flag or do a reading.

A number of leaders received their Service Awards and Wood Badges (for completing training) at the service.

A collection was held at the end of the service which raised £149.54 for the Children's Ward at Epsom Hospital.

Fundraising

A significant effort has been put in across the Group to kick-start our fundraising activities, particularly with support from Group members attending the Rotary Christmas Collections. Thus far we have raised approximately £2,500 towards our target of £15,000 to allow us to purchase a newer minibus. We have made funding applications to a number of sources including the Lottery Fund and hope to hear in the new year if we have been successful.

If you have any ideas about potential fundraising opportunities, please get in touch with a member of our Board of Trustees (see page 4).

Board of Trustees



Xmas Collections 2018

Our Executive Committee are Trustees responsible for funds and assets of the Group. To reflect this role, it has been suggested that Executive Committees should change their name to reflect this; as such our Executive Committee have undergone a name change and will be known as the 3rd Banstead Scout Group Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board of Trustees have been busy this term supporting maintenance at Scout Ridge, as well as fundraising activities.

We have raised approximately £2,000 from our support to the Rotary Xmas Collections. Support from our members to these collections was fantastic, so a big thankyou to all those who attended.

We are also very pleased to have received a generous donation of £500 from Sir Francis Drake Masonic Lodge 6053 towards our minibus fund.

If you have any ideas to support fundraising, please get in touch with one of the Board of Trustees.

Chief Scouts Awards

Congratulations to the following members on achieving their Chief Scouts Awards last term:



Beavers

Huron

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Ontario

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Cubs

Elm

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Oak

Alfred Duke

Remi Glanfield



Scouts

Churchill

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Marlborough

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Uniform

From this term Scout uniform will be available for order from Scout Ridge. Nominally during the 2nd meeting of each term, someone will be present at the beginning or end of your child's meeting (dates and times to be advertised) to take uniform orders. We will have a range of sample uniform available for sizing, and your uniform order will be taken electronically. I'm afraid we can only accept card payments.

Once ordered your child's uniform will be distributed at your child's meeting at Scout Ridge.

By ordering your uniform in this way, a small percentage comes back to the group, which we can re-invest to minimise our fees and improve our facilities.

Dates for the Diary

23-24 Mar 2019	Group Camp (Beaver / Cub / Scout)	Broadstone Warren, Forest Row
28 Apr 2019	St Georges Day Parade	Banstead High Street
4-6 May 2019	Somme Trip (Senior Scouts)	Somme Region, France
22 June 2019	SCRAM (Cubs)	Hook Arena, Epsom
6-7 July 2019 (TBC)	Parent & Child Survival Camp (Parents & Senior Cubs / Scouts)	TBC
24-28 July 2019	Cub Camp	Brambletye, East Grinstead
23-26 August 2019 (TBC)	Scout Camp	TBC